(*a*) whether they are aware that, during high tide, sea water gets into the Uppuvaikal and floods the wet lands in Poontivilapattu, Pappalli, Nasuranvila, Ezhavanvila, Vannavilapattu and other places; and

(*b*) whether the ryots of the aforesaid wet lands petitioned the Government for the construction of a seepage at the terminus of the Uppuvaikal?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The "Uppuvaikal" referred to by the member cannot be located or identified. It is also not known what the member means by the expression "construction of a seepage".

Acting clerks in the Registration Department.

276. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of acting clerks who are now (9-11-1107) in service in the Registration Department; and

(*b*) the total number of acting clerks who are now out of service?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 106.

(*b*) 341.

Statement of clerks appointed by District Registrars.

277. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of clerks appointed by each of the District Registrars from the beginning of 1107 to the end of Edavam 1107?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A statement* containing the information required is laid on the table.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): With reference to the answer given at page iv, Appendix II, may I know why the appointments are not made with due regard to communal representation?

PRESIDENT: That is a general question which does not arise.

Construction of a building for the Women and Children's Hospital at Alleppey.

278. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of years taken for selecting a site for the construction of a hospital for women and children at Alleppey;

(*b*) the period that has elapsed since Government issued orders sanctioning the said hospital;

(*c*) if the site has been selected, the date of the selection;

(*d*) what has become of the site at present (25-6-'32); and

(*e*) whether any progress has been made since the date of selection of the site towards the construction of the building?

**Vide* Appendix II—page iv.

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